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SUBJECT: ECONADS: DRAFT DECISION SHEET ON JUNE 15-16
REINFORCED MEETING ON SOVIET DEFENSE EXPENDITURES

REFS: (A)USNATO6201; (B)USNATO 6219; (C)STATE 158063

- 1. AT JUNE 22 ECONADS MEETING ACTING CHAIRMAN CIRCULATED DRAFT DECISION SHEET ON JUNE 15-16 MEETING ON SOVIET/EE DEFENCE EXPENDITURE FOR APPROVAL BY EXPERTS WHO ATTENDED. WE ARE SENDING IT BY DACOM TO DIA-LEAVITT AND REQUEST THAT HE PROVIDE COPIES TO SWAIN, PITZER AND RPE FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT OR CONCURRENCE. ACTING CHAIRMAN REQUESTED CONCURRENCE AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE BUT NOT LATER THAN JUNE 30.
- 2. DURING DISCUSSIONS UNDER "FUTURE WORK PROGRAM" AGENDA ITEM, FRENCH EXPERT URGED THAT COUNCIL-MANDATED REPORT ON SOV/EE CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFERS TO 3RD COUNTRIES BE COMPLETED AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE, PREFERABLY STILL THIS YEAR. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING THE US CONTRIBUTION TO THE STUDY(MENTIONED BY SWAIN DURING THE MEETING) AS SOON AS AVAILABLE. PLEASE INFORM IF ANY CONFIDENTIAL

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DELAYS IN ISSUANCE ARE FORESEEN. AS WE RECALL CIRCULATION WAS EXPECTED DURING THE COURSE OF THE SUMMER.

3. AS INDICATED IN SEPTEL ON FUTURE WORK PROGRAM, THE DIRECTORATE SUGGESTED FEBRUARY FOR FOLLOW UP EXPERTS MEETING ON NON-SOVIET WARSAW PACT DEFENSE EXPENDITURES. TIMING OF US ESTIMATES GIVEN IN REF C SHOULD THEREFORE

ASSIST CONSIDERABLY IN STIMULATING OTHER NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EARLY APPROVAL AND/OR CORRECTION OF DRAFT DECISION SHEET. GLITMAN

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